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Basic flowchart for preparation of a submission of a coastal State to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

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1. At its sixth session (30 August-3 September 1999), the Commission agreed upon an action plan for training (CLCS/18, para. 14). Among the actions to be taken was the preparation of a manual in the form of a flowchart to assist coastal States throughout the process of preparation of a submission to the Commission (ibid., para. 15). It was also agreed to undertake a draft outline for a proposed training course of approximately five days' duration aimed at practitioners in developing countries who would take part in the preparation of the submission of a coastal State (ibid., para. 17).

2. At the current session, the Commission proceeded to work on the basic flowchart for the preparation of a submission and decided to adopt it provisionally pending the preparation of a technical publication by the Secretariat in the form of a training manual. The Commission decided to issue the flowchart as a document, on the understanding that it was of a recommendatory nature aimed at assisting States in preparing their submissions.

3. The basic flowchart for preparation of a submission of a coastal State to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf is reproduced on the following page.

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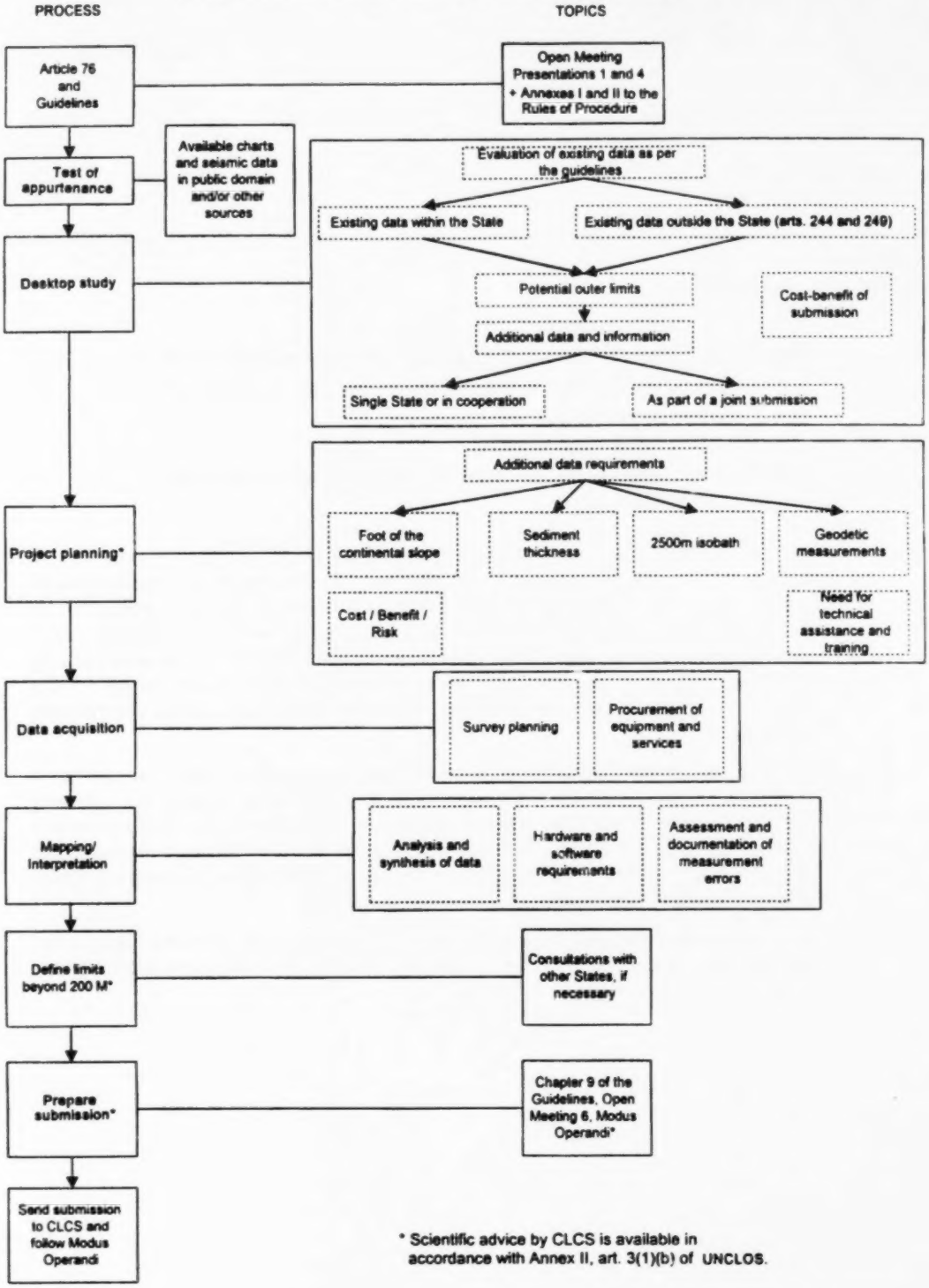
BASIC FLOWCHART FOR PREPARATION OF A SUBMISSION OF A COASTAL STATE TO THE COMMISSION ON THE LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF


PROCESS
TOPICS
Article 76 and Guidelines
Open Meeting Presentations 1 and 4 + Annexes I and II to the Rules of Procedure
Test of appurtenance
Available charts and seismic data in public domain and/or other sources
Desktop study
Evaluation of existing data as per the guidelines
Existing data within the State
Existing data outside the State (arts. 244 and 249)
Potential outer limits
Cost-benefit of submission
Additional data and information
Single State or in cooperation
As part of a joint submission
Project planning*
Additional data requirements
Foot of the continental slope
Sediment thickness
2500m isobath
Geodetic measurements
Cost / Benefit / Risk
Need for technical assistance and training
Data acquisition
Survey planning
Procurement of equipment and services
Mapping/ Interpretation
Analysis and synthesis of data
Hardware and software requirements
Assessment and documentation of measurement errors
Define limits beyond 200 M*
Consultations with other States, if necessary
Prepare submission*
Chapter 9 of the Guidelines, Open Meeting 6, Modus Operandi*
Send submission to CLCS and follow Modus Operandi

* Scientific advice by CLCS is available in accordance with Annex II, art. 3(1)(b) of UNCLOS.